

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 An apparatus for limiting the number of times a fiber-optic, laser energy delivery device can be reused consists of a sleeve attached about a portion of the body of an optical fiber and a handpiece and attached hollow cannula through which the portion of the optical fiber not encased in the sleeve extends. A compression means, whose aperture, when fully closed, has an inside diameter smaller than the outside diameter of the sleeve, but greater than the outside diameter of optical fibers generally available in the medical field, is provided.

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